

**Minutes of Land Use, Parks and Environment Committee**  
**Tuesday, December 13, 2011**

Vice-Chair Walter Kolb called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Committee Members Present:** Supervisors Walter Kolb, Tom Schellinger, and Michael Inda. County Board Chairman James Dwyer fulfilled quorum requirement until Supervisor Fritz Ruf (Chair) arrived at 8:34 a.m. Supervisor Rob Hutton arrived at 8:35 am. **Absent:** Supervisors Ted Rolfs and James Jeskewitz.

**Also Present:** Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, Legislative Associate Karen Phillips, Park System Manager Duane Grimm, Land Resources Manager Perry Lindquist, County Board Chairman James Dwyer, Solid Waste Supervisor Karen Fiedler, Journal-Sentinel reporter Laurel Walker.

**Approve Minutes of November 8, 2011**

MOTION: Schellinger moved, second by Inda, to approve the minutes of November 8, 2011.  
Motion carried 4-0.

**Future Meeting Date**

- January 17, 2012

**Executive Committee Report**

Dwyer highlighted the following items from the December 12<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting:

- Presentations on the audit of the Treasurer's Office and Milwaukee 7
- Update on IT projects and the IT project selection process
- Approval of five appointments
- Discussion of ideas for 2012 Wisconsin Counties Association conference breakout sessions
- Standing committee reports

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**Ordinance 166-O-080: Accept Addendum To Wisconsin Energy Independent Community Partnership (25 x 25) Grant For Geothermal Educational Material At Retzer Nature Center**

Grimm explained this ordinance to accept and appropriate \$10,000 in grant funding for the purpose of developing an exhibit for educating the public on the use of geothermal systems for energy reduction. The additional funding is being awarded as part of an addendum to a previous grant contract with Wisconsin Office of Energy Independence. The County is supplying 40 hours of in-kind labor by Retzer Nature Center Supervisor Larry Kascht to develop the educational program.

MOTION: Schellinger moved, second by Inda to approve Ordinance 166-O-080.  
Motion carried 5-0.

**Material Recycling Facility (MRF) Update**

Lindquist distributed a handout titled *Summary of City of Milwaukee & Waukesha County MRF Related Studies and Costs*. The report contains summaries of the various studies that have been done over the last four years. Lindquist provided further information on those summaries, including an overview of the 2007 *Waukesha County MRF Study*, through a PowerPoint presentation.

Lindquist reviewed the background of the County recycling program, stating the County is responsible for recycling in 25 of the 37 communities. The MRF is County-owned and its operation is contracted to the private sector, currently processing an average of 22,000 tons per year. The last expansion to the current facility was in 1995. It operates a dual-stream system (paper is collected/processed separate from containers). The communities with contracts pay for collection and dividends are shared with the communities from the

MRF fund balance. He explained that the MRF can continue to handle dual-stream for the short term; however, the container processing line is over capacity and tip floor and baled storage spaces are not adequate.

Lindquist discussed the future need for the MRF expansion or new construction, explaining the difficulties of expanding in the current location. He reviewed the collection trend toward the single-stream system. The haulers favor single-stream because it saves them money and most people are in favor of it because it is much easier to put all types of recyclable materials in one large bin rather than separating them. Lindquist reviewed the MRF options for the future and the key findings of the study. He continued by going over the recommendations of the study, which strongly recommends a single-stream system. He discussed the possibility of a regional MRF and related issues involved. Lindquist reviewed the County response to the recommendations, and summarized the points to consider as steps are taken for the future.

It was the consensus of the committee to adjourn prior to the tour of the MRF.

MOTION: Schellinger moved, second by Inda to adjourn at 9:30 a. m.  
Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Jeskewitz,  
Secretary